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SUBJECT: FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS (CND), GENEVA, FEBRUARY 13-24, 1978, SUMMARY

1. THE CND ADJOURNED ITS FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION AFTERNOON
OF FEBRUARY 24 AFTER HAVING, IN EXCEPTIONALLY BUSINESSLIKE
FASHION, CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF TEN AGENDA ITEMS. US
DEL WAS GRATIFIED BY RESPONSES TO ITS INTERVENTIONS AND BY
OVERWHELMING SUPPORT WHICH COMMISSION AFFORDED TO MAIN
RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS INITIATED BY U.S. FOCUS OF
DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROBLEMS,
WITH ONLY SOVIET INTERVENTION ON A WEST BERLIN QUESTION
(REPORTED SEPTEL) INTRODUCING POLITICAL ELEMENT.

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2. MAIN GOAL OF US DEL WAS TO HIGHLIGHT, TO EXTENT
POSSIBLE WITHOUT LOSING TURKISH SUPPORT, INCB REPORT'S
ASSESSMENT THAT DATA MADE AVAILABLE IN 1977 INDICATE THAT
THERE IS CURRENTLY OVER-PRODUCTION OF RAW MATERIALS FOR
THE LICIT MANUFACTURE OF OPIATES AND TO CALL ON PRODUCING
COUNTRIES TO PAY THE CLOSEST ATTENTION TO THIS OVER-
PRODUCTION WHEN DETERMINING FUTURE PRODUCTION PLANS. US

REP NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPS OF INDIA, CANADA, FRG AND TURKEY PRODUCED DRAFT RES (E/CN.7/L.447) WHICH, COUPLED WITH TWO OTHER DRAFT RESES, FORMED A PACKAGE WHICH ALL COULD SUPPORT. COMMISSION ADOPTED RES. L. 447 BY VOTE OF 27 (US)-0-3.

3. A RELATED DRAFT RES OF IMPORTANCE TO USG (E/CN.7/L.448) INVITED GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE BOARD AND TO SUPPLY IT SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE MEANINGFUL LONG RANGE STUDIES AND PROJECTIONS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE MAINTENANCE OF A BALANCE WORLDWIDE BETWEEN THE SUPPLY OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS AND THE REQUIREMENT OF OPIATES FOR MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES. COMMISSION ADOPTED THIS RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ANOTHER MAJOR US GOAL WAS TO EFFECTUATE PROCEDURE BY WHICH COMMISSION COULD RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO UNGA RES 32/124. COMMISSION ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 27(US)-0-3 US PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATION OF WORKING PAPER TO BE CONSIDERED AT COMMISSION'S 28TH REGULAR SESSION IN FEBRUARY 1979.

5. IN ADDITION TO THESE ACHIEVEMENTS, US DEL FOUND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EVALUATIONS ON SUBJECTS OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC, DRUG ABUSE, AND REPORTS OF VARIOUS UN ORGANS AND ORGANIZATIONS VALUABLE IN CLARIFYING PRESENT STATE OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROBLEM. WE NOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT, DESPITE CERTAIN POSITIVE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY NATIONAL, BI-LATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS, THE GENERAL SITUATION IS GRAVE, AND WILL REQUIRE CONTINUING AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS ON THE PART OF ALL COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSION WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO ADDRESSEES UPON PUBLICATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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